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Note verbale dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organization presents its compliments to Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament Michael Møller and has the honour of transmitting to the Secretariat the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's fourth nuclear test.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea would appreciate the Secretariat's assistance in issuing and circulating this statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament

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Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on North Korea's fourth nuclear test

1. North Korea announced that it conducted its first hydrogen bomb test on January 6, 2016, at 10:30 (KST).

2. The Government of the Republic of Korea strongly condemns North Korea's fourth nuclear test, which was carried out in disregard of repeated warnings by the Republic of Korea and the international community, in flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions (1718, 1874, 2087, 2094).

3. The Government of the Republic of Korea strongly demands that North Korea, clearly recognizing that the international community will not tolerate North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons in any case, abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions.

4. The Government of the Republic of Korea will cooperate closely with the international community, including our ally and participants of the Six-Party Talks, to take all necessary measures, including additional sanction measures by the United Nations Security Council, so that North Korea will face consequences commensurate to the nuclear test as already warned.

5. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Korea will maintain a high readiness posture against any further provocation by North Korea which threatens the safety of the Republic of Korea and its people.